GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN RESOLUTIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has placed resolutions before the 55th Session of U.N. General Assembly relating to ban on nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these resolutions were put to vote in the U.N. General Assembly;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of countries (i) which supported the said resolutions, (ii) which were against those resolutions and (iii) which remained neutral; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) to (e) Yes Sir. India tabled its traditional resolution on `Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons` at the First Committee of the 55th General Assembly of the United Nations. The resolution, co-sponsored by 30 countries, was adopted by 101 votes in favour, 42 against and 14 abstentions. A copy of the resolution as well as the voting sheet is attached.

(f) Government believes that it is important for nuclear doctrines to be reoriented towards no-first-use and non-use against non-nuclear weapon States, thus beginning the process of de-legitimizing nuclear weapons globally. A multilateral agreement prohibiting the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons would strengthen international security and contribute to improving the climate for negotiations leading to the elimination of nuclear weapons.